

The Game Law

The following letter, published in the Charleston Gazette, is from Hon. Geo. W. McClintic, one of the commissioners appointed by Governor Dawson to draft a game law for the state. As he is a lawyer of marked ability as well as an adept with rod and gun, the work of getting together the law now in effect was largely left in his hands:

Dear Sir:—I am glad to note that you appreciate the real purpose of the game law of the last session of the legislature, to-wit, the preservation, protection and propagation of birds game and fish in West Virginia. There are three distinct principles that statute, to-wit, licenses, prohibition of sale of game, and requirement of written permission to hunt, all tending to protect and preserve game and fish. These three principles have been enacted into law by more than thirty states of this Union and no state has ever receded therefrom after they were once adopted. Judging by the expression of the people from the different parts of this state, it is believed that they will never be changed here, unless in the course of time game should again become plentiful. Then it would probably be proper to permit the sale of a limited quantity.

It is the detail and not the principle of the law that has caused the most discussion. For instance the prohibition of Sunday fishing has caused a great deal of complaint among certain classes of our citizens and has received great commendation from other classes. It is all in the point of view.

Another point, that has had expression of diversity of opinion, is the time when the killing of quail is permitted. It must be remembered that this state has varying altitudes above the sea level from 4,000 feet on the Pendleton-Pocahontas line to 200 feet at Harper's Ferry, and it is very hard, in fact impossible, to make a general law which suits each and every part of the state. The altitude of Charleston is 600 and of Huntington 600 feet. The upland counties wanted to stop the killing of quail for a period of years and for awhile, it was a doubtful question if this amendment would not prevail, and it was only compromised by preventing the killing of quail in December. During many winters the deep snows in December in upland counties, together with the pot hunter for market, would almost exterminate the quail. In the year 1908 on the 14th of November there fell in the northern and upland counties a 12-inch snow and this was followed by shipping to Charleston twenty or thirty deer and thousands of quail and pheasants, and the protest against this was written into the law at the session following. This slaughter and sale of game in the year 1908 opened the eyes of the people to the fact that protection, immediate and drastic, was necessary, or game birds and animals would soon be forever gone from this state and the drastic provisions of the law were made for the purpose of protecting and preserving the game and for the purpose of protecting the occupiers of the land from the intrusion of people who had no right there. In an adjoining county in the year 1908 two ladies were shot by trespassing hunters in their own dooryards and another in the public road. To stop this wanton disregard of the rights of others, as well as the desire to promote the protection of game caused the legislature to enact the requirement that a written permission must be obtained from the persons entitled to the possession of the land before any one could trespass thereon for the purpose of hunting or fishing.

It must not be forgotten that, at an time immemorial, all game and fish belong to the state, and that the state can prohibit or regulate the killing thereof as it seems best. It must also be remembered that quail and all non game birds are of immense advantage to the farmer and fruit grow-

er and deserve the protection afforded by this law for their own inherent value in the raising of crops and the protection of fruit. Our state game warden is wisely attempting to show all farmers and fruit growers that it is their duty to protect all these aids to them, and in the hard times of winter to feed them as they do their other feathered stock, and no doubt in a few years with this method being followed, together with the protection afforded by the law the increase will be very large.

It is expected that the moneys raised by the hunters licenses are to be used, first, for the maintenance of the game protection system, and second for the propagation of the birds and fishes now with us and the introduction of foreign game birds and fishes. The observance of the laws and patience on the part of the hunters until the results of the system can, in the course of nature, be obtained, will make West Virginia a hunter's paradise. Another year of the old system would have made it a desert.

In Virginia the supervisors of each county regulate the time for hunting, and in some counties adjoining West Virginia the time has been reduced to one day in a season. In others to five or six days. This law is not satisfactory to the hunters and great complaint is being made against it. In fact no law which limits or takes away any rights which we have long enjoyed, no matter what its purpose may be, is ever popular, but this limitation must be included in the narrowing circle of human rights along with dozens of others which the increase in population of the country and the demands of modern civilization require.

As stated above, the details of the law may be changed, but the main principles are with us to stay.

Struck Oil.

The largest gas well ever struck in the fields of southern West Virginia, was drilled in on the 3rd inst, on the J. L. Caldwell land at Branchland, Lincoln county, when the bit hit a depth of 1600 feet and opened an enormous vein of gas that began flowing at the rate 11,000,000 cubic feet a day. It was only by the most careful supervision of the work at the critical point, that prevented the tools from being blown out of the hole and great danger done. The well was drilled in by Dan O'Connell, of Greenbrier county, who is general manager of the Continental Oil and Gas Company, controlling 2,000 acres of valuable territory at Branchland, some of which promises oil when developments have progressed somewhat. The enormous gas producer struck on the 3rd is the third well that has been drilled in by this company within the past few days. The first one was a million feet well, the second good for a four million foot production and the last good for eleven million feet.

This company was late in entering the field but they seem to have struck it rich and it is hard to say what future development of the tract may bring forth. These wells are within two miles of a pipe line running from the West Virginia gas fields to Cincinnati and other points along the Ohio.—Greenbrier Independent.

State Game Warden, Viquesney holds that it is unlawful to use ferrets in West Virginia. The decision was the result of a letter from Elmer F. Jacobs, one of the deputy game wardens, who wrote Mr. Viquesney for information about the matter. The decision is a disappointment to many who were under the impression that the new statute protecting the game and fish had been passed without the provision against ferrets. When the new law was passed the old law was not repealed, and section 15 A of the code which prohibits the use of ferrets for any and all purposes in hunting, taking or pursuing game, is still in full force and effect.

Huntersville

Everybody at this time is busy gathering up all the old skates about town and getting ready for the sport of the season. The ice is the best for that purpose in years.

Edmund Buzzard, son of sheriff J. H. Buzzard, of Oklahoma, is visiting his parents near town. His brother Rodney will accompany him south on his return.

Postmaster O. E. McKeever and daughter Lynette were visiting relatives at Buckeye last Sunday. Mr. McKeever has been acting curious of late and doctors prescribe fresh air and exercise.—After a lapse of sixteen years his home wakes to the tune of an infant daughter—hence his strange actions.

Clinton Byrd, of Va., has been visiting here for several days, has gone to Frost to aid in a protracted meeting.

Rev. C. C. Lambert, who is holding the meeting at Frost, fills his Saturday night appointment regularly in Huntersville.

Rev. Crockett, evangelist, of Christiansburg, Va., but late from the coal fields, is assisting Rev. Lambert in his meeting at Frost.

On Sunday November 8, after the shades of night were drawn over a slumbering world, the angel of death which had been hovering for several days over the home of Aaron Thomas, suddenly folded its wings over the infants cradle and bore away the spirit of the little five months old son away "A sacrifice of this sinful world." The little one had been ill for about four days during which time the best medical skill of the state was called but without avail. Funeral services were conducted at the home by Rev. C. C. Lambert, and burial services in the cemetery by Rev. David Brimlow. The bereaved friends and relatives have the sympathy of the entire community in their loss. "But the Lord giveth and the Lord taketh" and the going out of this little flame of life has a deeper significance than earthly minds can interpret.

Miss Clara Diehl, late teacher on Browns Mt., is now teaching in the primary room in Huntersville and is getting along nicely.—The change was brought about by a "trade of teachers" so that knives and horses are not the only kind of trades.

The old wooden bridge near town is a thing of the past, having been recently torn down to be replaced by a steel structure. These old land marks of road making are rapidly disappearing.

G. C. Poling, of Academy, was here recently attending a meeting of the A. F. A. M. and of course falling on friends?

Wm. Grose has proven himself an economist in farming, having just torn down a worn out plank fence and built a good substantial one from the remains.

H. M. Lockridge, deputy game warden, of Belington, was here visiting his family a few days this week.

The compulsory school law seems to be getting results in this region. The only two trials at this place were both convictions, one bringing in a fine of \$7.50 and costs; the other \$2.00 and costs; both were tried before Squire Beverage.

Miss Ethel Lockridge was visiting at Dr. Lockridge's over Sunday.

The bridge at Drisco is almost completed.

Persons living in another state and not licensed to sell intoxicating liquors in this State are prohibited from soliciting and filling orders for such liquors in this State by a decision handed down last Tuesday by the Supreme Court of Appeals, in the case of the State vs Miller from Mineral county. John Miller, representing M. J. Miller's Sons company, of Westernport, Md., from which point the liquors were shipped. He was indicted for selling without a license and convicted. The higher court affirmed the lower court.

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